GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3174
ANSWERED ON:27.07.2009
RESETTLEMENT OF EX SERVICEMEN
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ex-servicemen in the country as on date, State-wise;

(b) the details of the schemes being implemented for their welfare and resettlement;

(c) whether the Government proposes to extend minimum pensionary benefits to the ex-servicemen who rendered less than 15 years of service; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU)

(a) The data with regard to number of ex-servicemen State-wise is as per Annexure-I.

(b) Various training, self-employment schemes for welfare and resettlement of ex-servicemen are provided through Directorate General Resettlement (DGR) and Kendriya Sainik Board (KSB) the details of which are at Annexure-II.
(c) & (d): There is no proposal to extend minimum pensionary benefits to the ex-servicemen who rendered less than 15 years of service.

ANNEXURE−II REFERRED IN THE REPLY GIVEN IN PART (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3174 FOR ANSWER ON 27-7-2009

TRAINING:

Ex-servicemen are given training to prepare them for civilian life. DGR is entrusted with the responsibility of preparing both ex-servicemen and retiring service personnel for a second career.Towards this end Officers and PBORs are given resettlement training at IIMs and various other institutes across the country.

2. The following self employment schemes are operated for the welfare of officers and PBORs Ex-servicemen:
(i) Security Agencies;
(ii) Allotment of surplus army vehicles;
(iii) Coal Transportation scheme;
(iv) Coal Tipper Scheme;
(v) Allotment of oil product agencies;
(vi) Allotment of BPCL GHAR outlets;
(vii) Mother Diary Milk and Fruits and Vegetables shops;
(viii) Management of CNG Station by ESM Officers in NCR;
(ix) Management of Toll Plaza under NHAI;
(x) Kidzee franchise.
3. Financial assistance is provided for:
(i) Treatment of serious ailments;
(ii) Supply of modified scooters for ESM paraplegics;
(iii) Tool kits for ESM technician;
(iv) Financial assistance for needy ESM for house repair, daughters marriage, children education etc.
(v) Prime Ministers Merit Scholarship Scheme;
(vi) Funds for maintenance of paraplegic rehabilitation centres, Cheshire home and ST. Dustan aftercare organization and war memorial hostels.
4. Besides the above the following benefits are also available to Ex-servicemen:
(i) Tuition Fee exemption for wards of war widows/war disabled ESM;
(ii) Allotment of medical/BDS seats towards of Defence Personnel;
(iii) Reservation in State Government jobs and in professional colleges for wards of ESM/widows;
(iv) Reservation in allotment of house sites/flats;
(v) Cash incentives for winners of gallantry awards;

(vi) Ex-gratia grant to war widows;
(vii) Legal assistance and exemption of court fee;
(viii) Concession in fare for rail and air to recipients of gallantry awards, permanently disabled officers and war widows;
(ix) 10 to 24.5% reservation in Group 'C' and 'D' posts in Central and State Governments, PSUs, nationalized banks and para military forces.

Along with the above benefits 100% medical coverage is provided to ESM pensioners through Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS), who are members of the schemes.